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longitudinal direction and normally biased to rise on said skin-contactable surface and longitudinally opposite fixed end portions collapsed onto said skin-contactable surface and fixed to said longitudinally opposite end portions of said undergarment in such collapsed state so that said free surface areas of said skin-contactable sheets are spaced upward from said free side edge portions of said leak-barrier cuffs.

Please amend Claim 4 as follows:

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4. (Amended) The disposal undergarment according to Claim 1, wherein said skin-contactable sheets comprise an elastically stretchable fibrous nonwoven fabric.

Please amend Claim 5 as follows:

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5. (Amended) The disposal undergarment according to Claim 1, wherein said skin-contactable sheets comprise a non-stretchable fibrous nonwoven fabric and elastically stretchable members are attached under tension in said longitudinal direction to said non-stretchable fibrous fabric so that said skin-contactable sheets have a stretchability in said longitudinal direction.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

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- A disposable undergarment that includes liquid-impervious skin-contactable sheets actually having a pair of belt-like strips spaced apart from and opposed to each other in a transverse direction of an undergarment and extending in a longitudinal direction of the undergarment along transversely opposite side edge portions of the undergarment. The skin-contactable sheets are attached to a skin-contactable surface 1a of the undergarment so as to cover a panel. The skin-contactable sheets have fixed surface areas secured to longitudinally opposite end portions 1c of the undergarment and free surface areas adapted to be spaced upward from the panel so that the skin-contactable surface may be partially surfaced between these skin-

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